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In re Application of:

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Serial No.:	10/556,829)	
)	Examiner: NASHMIYA SAQIB, FAYYAZ
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Title:	DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A VALVE, ESPECIALLY A CHECK VALVE OF A POSITIVE DISPLACEMENT PUMP		

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

As set forth in the Office Action mailed June 05, 2008, the Examiner asserts that Species I (claims 9-12), and Species II (claims 5, 7-8) are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 . The Examiner therefore requires Applicant to select for examination the claims of one of Species I-II. The Examiner further asserts that claims 13 and 15-20 are generic.

In response, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute for examination purposes the invention identified in **Species I (claims 9-12) without traverse. Currently, claims 13 and 15-20 are generic.** Applicant respectfully reserves the right to change this election in the event the Examiner withdraws any aspect of the restriction requirement.